

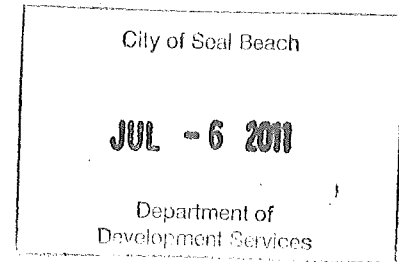


From the Office of Genealogist & Researcher

Lorraine "Rain Cloud" Escobar, CG/NALSM
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July 5, 2011

Mr. Robert F. Dorame
9315 Harvard Street
Bellflower, CA 90706-4424



Dear Mr. Dorame,

My name is Lorraine Escobar. I am a certified genealogist (since 1998) and a California Indian descendant. I have been involved in conducting research for thousands of California Indians since 1992. During this work, it came to my attention that far too many 1928 California Indian Jurisdictional Act applications are in error. Because these errors have not been corrected, it ultimately led to the encroachment of the rights of genuine California Native American Indians. This is why I am writing to you.

It has come to my attention that you were erroneously appointed as a most likely descendant [MLD] for the Mission San Gabriel area, in Los Angeles County. I conducted my own genealogical research, completed a genealogical study, and find the evidence indicated your Indian ancestor – Teresa – was originally from Baja California, a state in Mexico – not from San Diego or San Gabriel. Therefore, this evidence disqualifies all of her descendants who only claim Teresa's Indian lineage to participate as an MLD for the Gabrieleño area, or any part of California, for the repatriation process.

In my line of work, I often discover that people have been misled by the 1928 California Indian Jurisdictional Act paperwork. I acknowledge your previous actions may have been based on the false information submitted to the BIA long before your birth. But, it is my hope the truth will set you free and allow you to remove yourself from a process that belongs only to the true Gabrieleños.

It is my sincere hope your response will be one of support for the truth and in support of protecting our rights to protect the remains and grave goods of our ancestors.

Sincerely,

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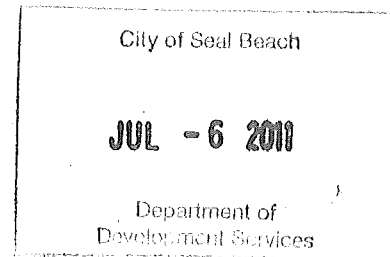


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To Whom It May Concern:

I understand your office responds to requests for Certificates of Degree of Indian Blood [CDIB] for California Indian descendants. I also understand the issuance of those certificates is based upon the data collected from the 1928 California Indian Jurisdictional Act [CIJA]. As you may know by now, *this data is not completely reliable*. Therefore, when your agency issues a CDIB based on an inaccurate 1928 CIJA database, it oftentimes becomes a license to usurp the rights of genuine California Indians. But, I have information you will no doubt find useful in correcting the record and thus safeguarding these rights.

In my 19 years of doing California Indian genealogy, I have found several 1928 CIJA applications that are inaccurate in varying degrees (from incorrect blood degree, incorrect tribal affiliation, or no tribal ancestry at all). As a result, I have at least four reports I can share with your office for the purpose of correcting the record. I am submitting the first of those four with this letter – a report on Robert F. Dorame's Claimed Indian Lineage. This report corrects the claims for at least five 1928 CIJA applications for the claimed San Diego Indian ancestor named as Teresa Serrano, who was actually an Indian from Baja California, a state in Mexico:

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As for the claims of Manuel and Paul Henninger, they both claimed an additional ancestry through David C. dela Ossa. I have found the evidence that disputes that claim as well but have not yet compiled it into a full report. When I have done so, I will forward that to you as well.

I realize that it would take quite a bit of time and funding to develop a totally verified database of those 11,000 applicants, who applied in the early 1930's. And, what I have done

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may seem like a small drop in the bucket. But, I know it can make a difference for genuine California Indians trying to participate in the repatriation process. So, for this reason, as time allows, I will forward copies of reports I have created throughout my career. Also, I can develop lists of 1928 CIJA application numbers and names, found to be inaccurate by either my work or already published by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment. I will forward those lists as time allows as well.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Cc: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Riverside Agency
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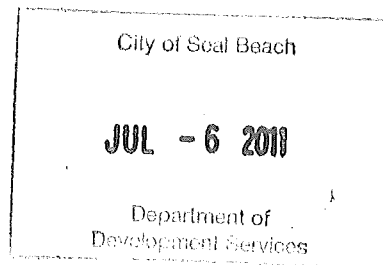


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